

**Remarks**

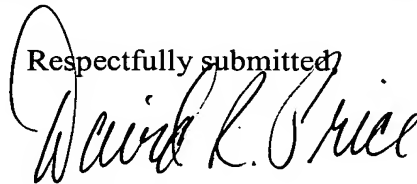
This preliminary amendment is made to:

- Correct the specification, the paragraph at the top of page 4 to make a minor change, and
- Remove multiple dependencies from the claims.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

If a conference call would be useful in resolving issues arising from the filing of this communication, please contact the undersigned at the below-noted number.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Price", written over a circular line.

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